

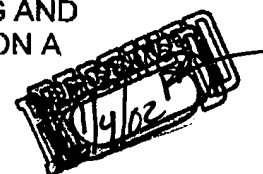
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of: ) Attorney Docket No.: E-775  
Victor Girardi et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2100  
Serial No.: 09/187,907 ) Examiner: Calvin L. Hewitt, II  
Filed: November 6, 1998 ) Date: January 4, 2002

**Official**

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DYNAMICALLY LOCATING AND  
PRINTING A PLURALITY OF POSTAGE PAYMENT INDICIA ON A  
MAILPIECE

**LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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A final office action in connection with the above-identified application was mailed on July 25, 2001. A Response to the final office action and a Notice of Appeal were submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on October 25, 2001 by way of a Certificate of Mailing. During the week of December 17-21 the below-signed attorney discussed the case with Examiner Calvin Hewitt and it was determined that the PTO had no record of having received any of the correspondence of October 25, 2001. Accordingly, copies of the Response and Notice of Appeal showing the Certificates of Mailing are being forwarded herewith for the Examiner's attention.

In view of the fact that the Applicants are already under a <sup>two</sup>one-month extension of time period for the filing of an appeal brief, it is requested that the Examiner review the Response of October 25, 2001 and advise the Applicants as to the status of the case prior to January 25, 2002, the end of the one-month extension of time period.

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If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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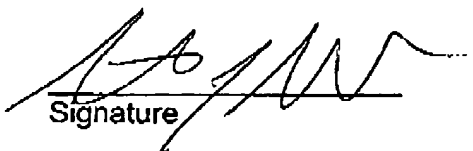
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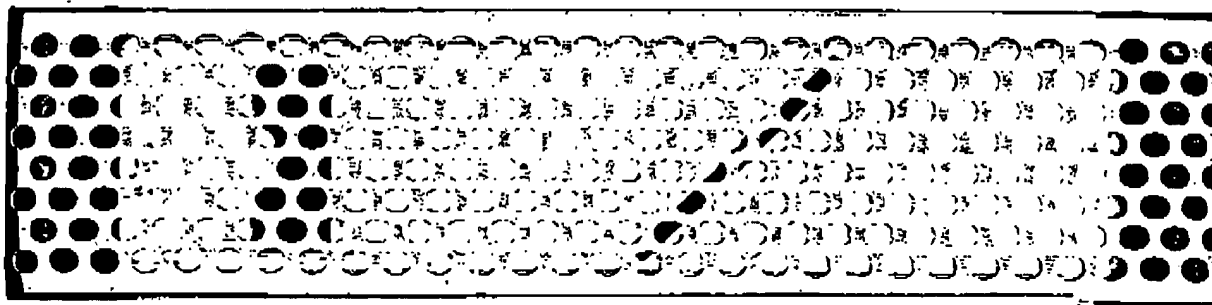
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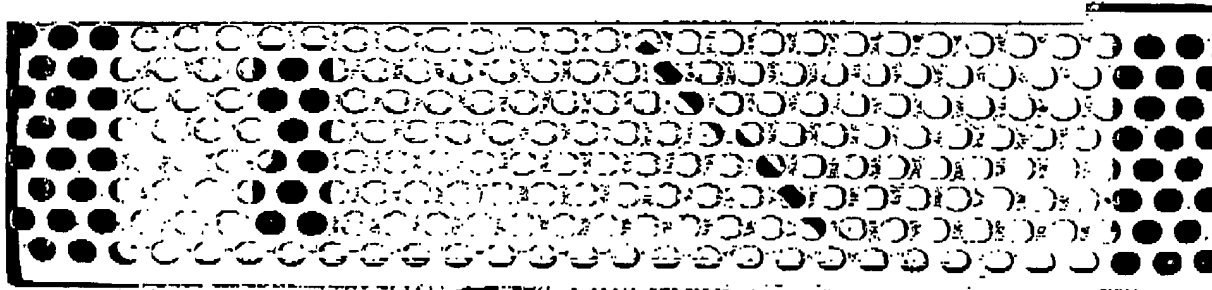
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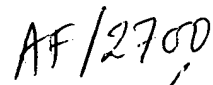
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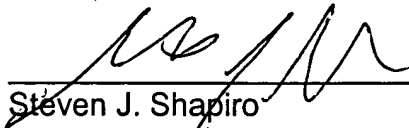
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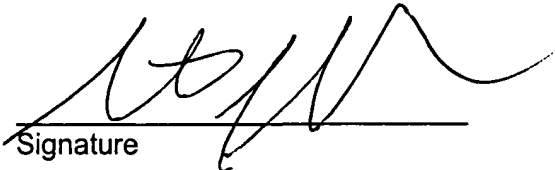
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